whether this Creature was endow'd with a humane Soul; and if not, what became of the Soul of the Embryo, that was five months old.

A little after, another Monſter was produced, which was an Infant come to maturity, having inſtead of a Head and Brains, a Maſs of fleſh like any Liver; and was found to move. And this *Fœtus* occaſioned a Queſtion for the *Carteſians*, how the motion could be performed, and yet the *Glandula pinealis*, or *Conarium* be wanting; nor any Nerves viſible, which come from the Brain? The marrow in the *Spine* was of the ſame ſubſtance. It liv'd four days, and then dyed: It was anotomized by *M. Emmerez* in preſence of the Aſſembly.

There came a Letter from *Florence*, Written by *M. Steno*, which has alſo ſomewhat perplext the followers of *Des Cartes*. A Tortoiſe had its head cut off, and yet was found to move its foot three days after. Here was no Communication with the *Conarium*. As this ſeems to have given a ſore blow to the *Carteſian* Doctrine, ſo the Diſciples thereof are here endeavouring to heal the Wound.

An Account of two Monſtrous Births, *not long ſince produced in* Devonſhire; *communicated by M.* Colepreſſe.

1. One *Robert Cloak* a Joyner (whom I know) of *Clamick* in the Pariſh of *Beer-Ferris* in *Devonſhire*, had on *Febr.* 24. laſt, a Monſtrous *black* Ram-Lamb fallen with one Head, but two diſtinct Bodies, with eight Legs; which Bodies were joyned in the Neck: It had two Eyes, and as many Ears, in the uſual places; and one extraordinary Eye in the Niddock, with one ſingle Ear, about an inch diſtant from the Eye backwards: Its Dame, which was *White*, uſually brought forth two Lambs every year, as ſhe did this year alſo a *White* one, which with the Ewe remains alive. But whether this Monſter was produc'd dead or alive, is not known, it being found dead by the hedge, and ſoon after put into the Earth. There were ten *White* Ews accompanied with three *White* Rams.

2. One *John Cauce*, Servant to *Mr. William Knighton* of *Lockridge*, likewiſe in *Beer Ferris*; had among his Sheep, on the ſeventeenth of *Febr.* laſt, a *White* Lamb faln on a Common in the ſaid Pariſh, with two diſtinct heads and Necks, Joyned at the Shoulders

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ſhoulders, but one only Body, and that well form'd, yet having double entrals in all reſpects. The Ewe remains well. The Monſter dyed, and is now in my Cuſtody, after it hath been dried in an Oven, and By the Sun.

Some Obſervations made in Mines, *and at* Sea, *occaſioning a Conjecture about the* Origine *of* Wind: *Imparted by the ſame Mr.* C.

One *John Gill*, a Man well experienced in Mineral affairs, diſcourſing with me about the Wind and its Origine; declared to me his thoughts concerning the ſame, as a reſult of twenty years Experience and Obſervations of his own.

Firſt, He affirmed, that if in digging deep under ground, the Work-men meet with Water, they never want Air or Wind; but if they miſſe Water (as ſometimes it happens, even at 12 or 16 Fathoms depth) they are deſtitute of convenient Air, either to breath in, or to make their Candles burn.

Next, When (as uſual) there happens to be a great quantity of a Winters ſtanding water, in a deep Mine, they commonly bring, or drive up an *Adit* for drawing away ſuch water: But as ſoon as that part of the Level is made, that any of the ſtanding Water begins to run away, the Men muſt ſecure themſelves, as well as they can, from danger of being daſh'd in pieces againſt the ſides of the *Adit*: For the included Air or Wind in the ſtanding Water, breaks forth with ſuch a terrible noyſe, as *that* of a Peece of Ordnance, and with that violence, as to carry all before it, looſening the very Rocks, though at ſome diſtance in the Work or *Adit*.

Thirdly, he hath obſerved on ſeveral occaſions, going to and fro, between *London* and *Plimouth*, by Sea, that being in a Calm, that way, which the Sea began to Loom or move, the next day the Wind was ſure to blow from that point of the Compaſs, towards which the Sea did Loom the day before.

An Account of Hail-Stones *of an unuſual bigneſs, Communicated by D.* Nath. Fairfax, *with his Reflections on them.*

This Account came but very lately to hand, though the thing hapned a while agoe; the Ingenious Author thereof, having but newly entred into a Philoſophical *Correſpondence with the* Publiſher.

July, 17. 1666. About 10 in the Fore-noon, there fell a violent